

### ADDED NOTE ON EDITH SCAMMAN

When Edith Scamman first appeared at the old Gray Herbarium on Garden Street in Cambridge it was to take Professor Fernald's course. That was in the fall of 1935. I recall that he was somewhat disturbed that she was enrolled in the Radcliffe section. I was his teaching assistant and he muttered something about being on my guard about someone from Saco. Very soon he reversed his opinion when her unusual qualities of character, intelligence and generosity asserted themselves. It must have taken me longer, for in later years she often reminded me that I had, on one occasion, criticized her drawings in the laboratory, remarking something to the effect that "if you are interested it seems to me you should be able to do better work."

I went along on that memorable spring field trip mentioned above in Dr. Polunin's account. Unlike most of Professor Fernald's instructional excursions I recall that one more for the gathering of personalities than plants. That same spring Miss Scamman was planning her first botanical trip. In late May, before she left Cambridge, Dr. Lyman Smith and I, probably in my Model A Ford, drove out with her past Concord to some reasonably good roadside collecting area and gave her a lesson in the rudiments of scientific plant collecting.

In one other role I was privileged to play a part in Edith Scamman's career. This had to do with New England Botany. Under Professor Charles Weatherby's direction she had done a study of the ferns of New Hampshire. Both Mr. Weatherby and Miss Scamman had approached me about some possible source of publication. It was a bit of good fortune that being at that time Secretary of the New Hampshire Academy of Science, I could wield some influence in getting her "Ferns and Fern Allies of New Hampshire" published by that organization.

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